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PROBE OF GIRLIE MAGS ORDERED

Police Told to Check Dealers

Investigations into the availability of magazines described as lewd and obscene was ordered this week by the city council at the suggestion of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn.

After hearing City Attorney Stanley Remelmeyer warn that arbitrary banning of such magazines might be unconstitutional, the council ordered a police department check of Torrance dealers who might be handling such magazines, and to report back to the council with the information.

The probe into the publications—referred to as girlie magazines—was instigated by a September letter from John Kesson, then president of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Assn., a homeowners' group in north Torrance.

Action Asked

In his letter to the council, Kesson asked the city to "investigate an action against the certain types of lewd and obscene magazines that now are part of our newsstands throughout the city."

Kesson said he felt such a move would be to the benefit of the city's youth, and cited the actions of Inglewood on the matter. Inglewood recently made a concerted effort to push such publications off the city's newsstands, and was assertedly successful.

Councilman Bob Jahn said this week that he thought much could be done by contacting the distributors of the material, saying that most of it came from one source. "If we could dry up that source, most of the battle would be won," he said at Tuesday's council meeting.

Torrance Army Pvt. Held for Beating German

A Torrance soldier has been charged with fatally injuring a 60-year-old German man by striking him with a bottle.

U. S. Army authorities have identified the soldier as Pvt. 1/c Marlin L. Gurno, 19, of 21314 S. Vermont Ave.

The Army announcement said Gurno was charged in connection with the death of Edward Hof of Bruchenecken, who was found dead Oct. 2 in his room.

Neighbors reported they heard Hof cry out during the night and saw two soldiers enter a jeep and drive away.

Pvt. 1/c James R. Ensley, Winder, Ga., told military investigators that he and Gurno were drinking with Hof in his room, the announcement said.

Trial on the charge is awaiting further investigation.

South High Set For Opening on Jan. 6—Hull

South High School should open Jan. 6, barring unforeseen trouble, School Superintendent J. H. Hull said yesterday.

Although a dispute with the Crown Construction Co., contractors, had threatened to delay the construction, officials discovered that a clause in the contract bans arbitration and requires the contractor to complete the job to the satisfaction of the architect.

School officials had contended that the firm did a messy job of laying bricks on the interior and exterior of the school and demanded that the bricks be cleaned up. Also in dispute was the amount of birch plywood in classrooms. Under the contract, the job must be completed to the satisfaction of Architect Roy Donley, who indicated he was definitely not satisfied on these points.

DRIVER KILLED AS GAS CAN EXPLODES IN AUTO

A Torrance man died Tuesday morning in Harbor General Hospital from burns received when a gas can in the back seat of his automobile exploded.

Man Dies of Burns
Edwin N. Larsen, 43, 1446 E. 215th Pl., died of what officers described as the worst burn case they had seen, with 95 per cent of his body covered with third-degree burns.

Larsen was driving south on Avalon Blvd. when he got drowsy and lit a cigarette to help himself awake. Apparently the flame ignited the vapors in the two-gallon gas can in the back seat. The interior of the car was wrapped in flames and the car went out of control, jumped the dikes, and smashed into a hydrant. Water from the hydrant did not quell the flames, however.

Burning Ban Ups Rubbish Collection 35 Per Cent

Rubbish collections in Torrance have increased about 35 per cent since the Oct. 1 ban on incinerator burning, Ralph Perkins, street superintendent, said yesterday.

Despite the increase, the operation has gone smoothly, he reported, except for some public confusion over the new setup.

"We've gotten a million phone calls," Perkins said. "Actually, there has been no change in the pick-ups, except for the increased volume."

Boundaries Shifted
As a result of the heavier load, boundaries will be shifted in four areas of the city, but householders will be notified by postcard of the change. Other changes may be made later after further study of the plan.

Before Oct. 1, the daily average for pick-ups was about 90 tons, compared with 120 tons now. The city had obtained five new trucks, bringing the total to 13 in operation here.

70-Pound Loads
All trash, grass cuttings, paper, and other types of refuse must be placed in suitable containers weighing not more than 70 pounds. The city will not pick up dirt, rocks, sod, water heaters, metal furniture, brick, plaster, concrete, or trash mixed with garbage.

Trimmings and branches too long for containers must be tied in bundles not over four feet long and 12 inches in diameter.

Glass cans and metals must be kept separate and will be picked up separately. Garbage must be kept in tight containers and must be set out by 5 a.m. in the morning.

Dead animals are not removed by the city, but by the South Bay Humane Society.

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Civic Leaders Get Bond Data

Civic officials and community leaders turned out en masse Monday to hear an impassioned plea for support of the proposed \$3,000,000 recreation and \$1,000,000 airport bond issues.

The two issues will appear on the Oct. 29 municipal ballot.

Representing 35 organizations, the 85 persons attending the meeting heard city councilmen and city officials discuss both measures and their costs to the taxpayers.

Following the discussion, Mayor Albert Isen called on the audience for suggestions of how best to insure the passage of the two bonds.

As a result, extensive calls will be made by phone squads, brochures will be mailed by the Chamber of Commerce, and speakers will be available to clubs and organizations.

Tax Spread Told

The group heard City Manager George Stevens explain the distribution of the tax dollar paid by local residents.

During the 1957-58 year, Stevens said, the dollar will be broken as follows:

Torrance 38, 47.4 cents; City of Torrance, 16.8; Los Angeles County General, 26.4; Los Angeles County Flood Control, 3.8; Metropolitan Water District, 2.5, and Los Angeles County Sanitation District 5, 3.1 cents.

Pay From Revenue

The proposed airport bonds will not cost the taxpayers anything, city officials explained, as the airport revenue will be used to pay off the bonded indebtedness. Retirement of the recreation bonds will cost the average homeowner \$4.50 for the first year, with a decreasing cost for each successive year, Stevens said.

Fred Mill, in relating the Chamber's endorsement of both measures, estimated his company (National Supply) would pay some \$7000 additional taxes if the recreation bonds are approved.

Del Amo Center Building Plans Nearly Complete

Plans and specifications for Broadway Department Store, Sepulveda Blvd. and Hawthorne Ave., are scheduled to be completed Oct. 15.

Bids for construction of the new store will be advertised as soon as the plans are finished.

Construction is expected to start before the end of the year.

Opening date has tentatively been set for October 1958.

This was the schedule announced Monday night by Mayor Albert Isen following talks with Del Amo Estates, land developers, and Broadway store officials.

Speaking to a group of civic leaders who met to discuss the forthcoming bond issues, Mayor Isen disclosed the building schedule for the new shopping center.

Plans for the new Sears & Roebuck store are nearly completed also, Isen declared.

CLAUDE BURPO DIES

Claude Lile Burpo, 65, a retired carpenter, died Sunday in Harbor General Hospital. Final rites were held yesterday in Stone and Myers Chapel, with the Rev. Nathan Bond officiating.

A native of Springtown, Tex., he lived at 1647 W. 216th St. He had been a local resident for 14 years. Burial was in Rosevelt Cemetery.

Survivors include his widow, Alta Marie; sons, Marvin, Travis, Kenneth, Vernon, and Clyde Burpo; daughter, Helen Hollowell; and 12 grandchildren.



ACCIDENT AFTERMATH . . . Richard Mayes and his two daughters, Karen and Melinda, look at the gaping hole in their house, 22820 Dolores Ave., left after a car full of teenagers smashed into it about 1 a.m. Monday morning. One girl died and four others remain in critical condition as a result. The car made a hole about 12 feet wide, breaking both gas and water lines in the house. Arrow points to exposed bathtub.

Girl Killed, 5 Injured As Auto Strikes House

One teenage girl was killed and four others remain in critical condition as the result of an accident about 1 a.m. Monday morning in which the car they were riding smashed into the side of a house at 22820 Dolores Ave.

Badly frightened, but not injured, were the occupants of the house, Mr. and Mrs. Richard Mayes and their two daughters, Karen and Melinda, who were just above the place where the car hit the house.

Karen Allison, 16, 22428 Marbella Ave., identified by California Highway Patrolmen as driver of the car, died 15 minutes afterward at Harbor General Hospital.

Four Critical

Robert Stuber, 23, Long Beach, was still in very critical condition yesterday at Harbor General. William Hayes, 17, 1015 W. 227th St.; Henry Morales, 21, Wilmington, and

Quita Stonsifer, 16, 203 W. 224th St., were still on the critical list, but reported improving. A fifth passenger in the car, Catherine Hobbs, 15, Wilmington, was reported up and around with less serious injuries.

Officers said that the car was traveling south on Dolores Ave., apparently following another car, at high speed. According to witnesses, the first car stopped and Miss Allison apparently swerved to miss it, hit the dirt shoulder, careened across the street, knocked over a tree and smashed into the side of the Mayes' residence. The other car sped off.

Foundation Smashed
The impact smashed 12 feet of foundation, cracked walls throughout the house, and caused the bedroom floor to sag dangerously. Mrs. Mayes was in bed right above the crash scene, while Mr. Mayes was in the bathroom with 3-year-old Karen.

Since both gas and water lines were sheared off in the crash, Mayes rushed to the garage for a wrench to turn them off as other neighbors pulled the injured youths from the car.

The house apparently was jolted several inches off the foundation.

Neighbors reported that the street often was used for drag races and there recently was a near-accident when a car bounced off the curb in front of the Mayes home.

Rivets Reports

It may be a little cooler today, with considerable early morning fog and low clouds, declared Rivets, HERALD weather prognosticator. Although it will be mostly sunny with a high in the low 70's, it may be a little hazy.

Highs and lows this week were Sunday (75-55); Monday (75-50); Tuesday (79-50); and Wednesday (78-37).



FOG

Torrance Co-ed Wins Grid Queen Title at El Camino

Winsome Mimf Gogian, 19-year-old co-ed from Torrance, will reign over the 1957 football season at El Camino College. Selected by the Associated Men Students in elections conducted Monday and Tuesday, the new Grid Queen will be crowned Friday night.

Miss Gogian and her two princesses, Miss Paula Daniels and Miss Sally Ann Blaine, were chosen by campus men from a slate of 12 candidates.

The trio will make its first formal appearance at the Grid Dance sponsored by the AMS in the Campus Center Friday evening at 9 p.m. Miss Gogian will be crowned by Forrest G. Murdock, president of El Camino College.

At Grid Game
The royal court will make its second appearance Saturday evening between halves of the Santa Monica-El Camino football game in the Warrior stadium. The contest will mark the opening of the 1957 Metropolitan Conference season.

A graduate of St. Anthony's High School in Long Beach, the Grid Queen is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Gogian, with whom she resides. An elementary education major, she plans to continue her education at the University of Southern California after completing lower division work at El Camino.



GRID QUEEN . . . Torrance co-ed Mimf Gogian (center) was named Grid Queen at El Camino College as a result of voting on campus Monday and Tuesday. With her are Princesses Sally Ann Blaine (left) and Paula Daniels.

A Penny for your Thoughts

With the world's attention focused on a tiny ball spinning around the earth, the Torrance HERALD's inquiring reporter posed the following question: "What do you think about the Russians launching the first earth satellite? Do you think the United States 'missed the boat' in this field? What should be done now?"

Herb Cornelius, of Long Beach, auto salesman:

"I think the Russians scored a great propaganda beat. We should stress more scientific advancement by government. This has damaged our lead as a world power."

Bert Peterson, 1623 W. Carson St., retired:

"I don't think it is too important. I think they've earned very little from this satellite. . . they got a lot of notoriety out of it. . . but little learning. I don't think much information could be transmitted back to earth."

Wayne Newland, 2435 W. 233rd St., electrical contractor:

"I think this is a sore spot with the United States and the United Nations for that matter. Sure we knew we could launch a satellite in the future. Now that this has happened we should take it from there. We shouldn't worry too much about what has happened."

Jim Springer, 6631 Trask St., electrician:

"I think we have been let down by lack of push and determination by the scientists and government. I think this happened because of internal haggling between the Army and Navy over who should direct the program."

Mrs. Ida Huggins, 1221 Engracia Ave., housewife:

"We have lost some face by having the Russians develop the first satellite. But I don't think it is too important. We should continue working on our own satellites. There's no use in the Russians having the only one."

Miss Brenda Erickson, 1628 W. 259th St., clerk-typist:

"I think the United States should have been more alert. It's real important now that we catch up with them in order to keep our position as a world leader."